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**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **The Detroit News: Snyder offered Orr EM job long before Detroit's emergency declaration**

"As financial experts pored over Detroit's financial records in mid-February to determine if the city needed an emergency manager, public records show Gov. Rick Snyder and his staff had already planned for Kevyn Orr's City Hall takeover.... [Robert] Davis is trying to prove the governor and his aides violated the Open Meetings Act by interviewing Orr without permission from the Emergency Loan Board, which technically made the hire at Snyder's behest."

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Editorial: It's time Gov. Rick Snyder tried transparency himself**

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### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Are emails between Gov. Snyder, Detroit EM Orr illegal?**

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### **The Detroit News: Bullying seminar to be held Friday in Auburn Hills**

"... 'Working Together to Stop School Violence: A Statewide Summit on Bullying' is being hosted by Oakland University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School.... Others presenters are Saginaw District Judge M.T. Thompson Jr., Cooley Law professor Monica Nuckolls and Oakland professor Gwendolyn Thompson McMillon."

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**Also see:**

### **Associated Press: Bullying seminar to be held Friday in Auburn Hills**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Judge: Mother accused in daughter's death competent to stand trial**

"A 36th District Court judge today determined that a Detroit mother, accused of fatally stabbing her daughter, is competent to stand trial. Semeria Greene is facing murder and child abuse charges in the death of 8-year-old Tamera Greene.... Greene's attorney, Cornelius Pitts, said he plans to appeal the decision."

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**Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: Mom found competent to stand trial in Detroit girl's stabbing death**

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### **The Detroit News: Budget-breaking Wayne Co. jail work could be halted today**

"... It's uncertain how much halting the construction would cost the county — or how it could impact negotiations to sell the site, two nearby jails, Third Circuit Court and a juvenile justice facility to Quicken Loans founder Dan Gilbert or affiliated companies. Under that plan, the county would then sign a 99-year, \$1-a-year lease with the state to renovate the Mound Correctional Facility and build a criminal justice complex on the 39-acre site. That proposal, though, also appears in limbo, even as construction of the new jail could stop."

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**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Editorial: Wayne County must cut losses on new jail**

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**Detroit Free Press: Wayne County to recommend 60-day halt on jail construction**

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**Detroit Legal News: Wayne County considers selling jail construction site**

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**Ann Arbor Chronicle: County Board Debates Trial Court Funding**

"In a move that appeared to surprise many commissioners and staff, Washtenaw County commissioner Alicia Ping (R-District 3) formally proposed giving notice to eliminate a lump-sum budgeting approach for the Washtenaw County Trial Court. She made the proposal at the board's June 5, 2013 meeting."

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**Also see:**

**Ann Arbor.com: Washtenaw County may seek more authority over \$18.6M trial courts**

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**Detroit Legal New: Ex-Michigan high court justice may serve prison time in W.Va.**

"A judge is recommending that a former Michigan Supreme Court justice follow Martha Stewart's footsteps and serve her fraud sentence at a minimum security prison in West Virginia.... Ann Arbor federal Judge John Corbett O'Meara is recommending [the Alderson facility] for Diane Hathaway, who was sentenced last week to a year and a day in prison for bank fraud."

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**Hometown Life Newspapers: Hearing set for court site sale**

"City of Farmington officials are moving forward with their plan to sell the former 47th District Court site in Farmington, holding a public hearing June 24 to discuss offers from several potential purchasers.... The council decided last October to market the 3.87-acre site, located on 10 Mile east of Farmington Road. It's been vacant for about 10 years."

[Full story](#)

**Jackson County Legal News: Counties consider how to represent the indigent**

"... Michigan lawmakers have introduced House Bill 4529 and Senate Bill 300 that would create the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, which was recommended by a study group set up by Gov. Rick Snyder.... Ingham County District Court Judge Thomas Boyd said that the standards set by the soon-to-be-formed indigent defense commission will be introduced over perhaps two to three years."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Washtenaw County Legal News: Washtenaw County system seen as best way to serve the indigent population**

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**Macomb County Legal News: Straker Bar honors four with Trailblazer Awards**

"The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association will honor Earlene Baggett-Hayes, [46th District Court Judge] Shelia Johnson, Reginald M. Turner and Lawrence C. Mann with its annual Trailblazer Awards on

Thursday, June 13, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The award honors outstanding individuals who are trailblazers in the legal community."

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### **The News-Herald/Southgate: TRENTON: Court returning more than \$200,000 of unused funds to city**

"Cities across the area have gotten used to losing money, but some is coming back to City Hall from 33rd District Court. The City Council said Monday that it received \$229,000 from the court. Most of the money was refunded because the court was under budget during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Judge provides tips on how to work with jurors**

"Washtenaw County 14A District Court Chief Judge Kirk Tabbey has worked with an estimated 1,000 juries in his 30-year career as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge. So he spoke from experience recently when addressing the Washtenaw County Bar Association's Criminal Law Section meeting on juries."

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland County Legal News: Friend of the Court panel to meet June 10**

"The Oakland County Friend of the Court (FOC) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), established by Friend of the Court Act 294, 1982 Section 552.504, will meet on Monday, June 10, at 10 a.m. at the Oakland County Board of Commissioner's Auditorium, Pernick Conference Room, 1200 North Telegraph Road in Pontiac."

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### **Petoskey News-Review: Former Emmet County chief assistant prosecutor ordered to jail after third drunk driving**

"The former chief assistant prosecutor for Emmet County will serve half a year in jail after pleading guilty to a second and third offense related to driving while impaired by alcohol. Duane Michael Beach, 63, of Springvale Township, was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail immediately with credit for 35 days served, under a sentencing signed Wednesday afternoon by Otsego County's 87th District Court Judge Patricia Morse."

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**Also see:**

### **The MiLW Blog: Ex-assistant prosecutor sentenced to 180 days in jail**

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### **Washtenaw County Legal News: Judicial raises of 3 percent proposed in Michigan**

"Michigan judges should get a 3 percent raise in 2015, decided the State Officers Compensation Commission. That's a turnaround from earlier discussions centered on 3 percent in 2015 and another 3 percent in 2016 and potentially requesting as much as 5 percent."

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